

Dulles Wanted to Fire McLeod Over Security Chief's Bohlen Chip

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles almost fired Scott McLeod for insubordination shortly after the controversial State Department security chief was appointed to his post in 1953, it was disclosed today in the Dulles' biography.

It says he actually decided to bounce Mr. McLeod but was talked out of it at the last minute by former Undersecretary of State Walter Bedell Smith.

Mr. Dulles' anger was stirred by Mr. McLeod's efforts to interfere with the appointment of Charles E. Bohlen as ambassador to Moscow in early 1953. Mr. McLeod, known as a staunch supporter of Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy (R., Wis.), thought he turned up information derogatory to Mr. Bohlen.

The biography by John R. Beal, of Time Magazine, said Mr. McLeod went over Mr. Dulles' head to the White House. Mr. Beal said Mr. McLeod "cooled off" only after learning Mr. Bohlen had been a golfing partner of President Eisenhower and was the President's "personal choice for the job."